



The Summer Scene

A Weekly Update for Workforce Resource's
Summer Work, Education and Training Program

Serving Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties

Humane Society in Clark offers Positive Experience

A rush of K-9 energy greets anyone that enters the Clark County Humane Society. The barking of dogs echoes while volunteers fix wallpaper, and people are asking to hold puppies. With only a handful of volunteers, extra help is necessary. Enter Chad Schoen, a participant in the summer youth work program. Chad was placed at the Humane Society through the Clark County Job Center. The summer youth work program has been instrumental in locating jobs for youth throughout the county.

Although Chad is only a week into his employment at the Humane Society, he has flourished. Chad described his responsibilities as "helping with the dogs,

painting, repairs, and whatever else Chuck tells me to do." Chuck Wegner, the Executive Director of the Humane Society, who, kneeling on the ground with screwdriver in hand chimes in, "Chad learned that not all executive direc-



tors sit behind desks all day!" Chuck deems Chad "a huge success." "It's been tremendous to have his help. We don't have enough time to manage it all ourselves, and Chad has got common sense know-how to get work done." When asked if the Humane Society would participate as a work site again, Chuck said, "I would definitely do it again, and if the economy would turn around, I wouldn't hesitate to even hire him."

In the dog area, Chad grabbed one of his favorites, named Tater, from the kennel to play with. Tater immediately jumped onto Chad's lap and started licking his ears. "And that's what I get to do everyday!"

Evergreen Appreciates Youth Help

Wait, how long is help like this available?" Ron, President of the Board for the Evergreen Cemetery, said of youth workers that came out to help with main-

tenance. Youth from Dunn County spent two afternoons helping weed rock beds, rake back brush, and remove dirt from roadways in Menomonie's nationally recognized historic site. "They did a great job

yesterday and the place looks a lot better, especially in the front where the guests come in" added Carolyn Ohnstad, Superintendent of the cemetery.



Upcoming Events

July 15 - Green Guest Speaker - Chippewa is hosting a guest speaker on "green" topics for their JET program

July 19 - Health Academy - Eau Claire Health Academy begins

July 22 - Community Service - Clark youth at the Greenwood County Park

August 5 and 6 - Community Service - Clark youth at Sportsman Lake in Owen

August 12 - Community Service - Clark youth at Black River County Park

Youth Numbers at Work

308 youth enrolled in summer work education and training through ARRA funding

182 private, public and non-profit employers providing youth work sites

35 youth have completed Health Academy Certified Nursing Assistant training through WTC and Red Cross

9 community service projects completed to date by Career Academy younger youth

